



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	16-Apr-25	23-Apr-25		16-Apr-25	23-Apr-25		24-Apr-24
		Standard	Standard	Change	Future	Future	Change	Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	162	159.1	↓	85.8	82.9	↓	244
	Winter & springer area - ha	34.8	37.7	↑	16.2	19.1	↑	46
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	445	439	↑	199	196	-	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	6	6	-	4	4	-	NA
	Total cows milking	450	445	↓	203	200	↓	612
	Once a day milking cows	55	0	↓	23	0	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	10	10	-	5	5	-	32
	Dry cows on farm	0	5		0	3		
	Average BCS	4.7	4.7	-	4.7	4.7	-	4.7
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	7	7	-	13	13	-	9
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	131	148	↑	136	154	↑	125
	Milk solids per cow	1.55	1.43	↓	1.71	1.60	↓	1.43
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.79	0.78	↑	0.77	0.77	↓	0.81
	Milk Urea N	31.8	25.1	↓	28.9	28.8	↓	32.6
	FEI	5.38	4.86	↓	4.64	4.09	↓	4.32
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2463	2502	↑	2393	2520	↑	2422
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	15.9	16.0	↑	16.6	17.0	↑	14.9
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.6	2.5	↓	1.9	1.5	↓	3.6
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.5	18.5	-	18.5	18.5	-	18.5
	Stocking rate	2.8	2.8	-	2.4	2.4	-	2.5
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	44	45	↑	39	41	↑	37
	Pasture growth rate	34	39	↑	24	49	↑	56
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3100	3000	-	3100	3100	-	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1750	1800	↓	1800	1850	-	1800
	Round length (actual)	35	31	↓	36	34	↓	35
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	13.8			13.7			12.4
	Rainfall (mm)	24.8			12.6			11.2
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	855			867			958
	Soil conditions	OK			OK			Wet
People	Current Roster	6.2			6.2			
	Health and safety incidences	0			0			
	Milking routine	TAD & OAD			3n2 (5 am, 3 pm, 10 am)			TAD & OAD
Farm System Description	Standard herd: average BW Southland herd stocked at 3.2 cows/ha at peak, up to 180 kg N/ha and wintered on swedes Future herd: higher genetic merit herd (127 BW difference) stocked at 2.5 cows/ha at peak, up to 180 kg N/ha and wintered on baleage							
Key decisions/actions this week	General Last paddocks aerated with the ground hog as it is being returned to its owner Moved to 3n2 milking on 16th April. Milking times of 5 am, 3 pm and 10 am to give a 10:19:19 milking interval Contracted silage will be in the pit by Saturday, will use an innoculant to help with preservation Calf sheds being prepared for next spring Second group of cows have started the drying off process and will be dried off early next week. Current dries are now starting to be opened up to increase BCS A copper sulphate solution will be used in a portable footbath in the exit race to minimise the spread of footrot R2's are due back on farm on the 2nd May and will be managed as separate Future and Standard mobs so just finalising the randomisation of them to farmlet groups Last of the springer paddocks will be grazed off this week then dropped out of rotation							
	Standard herd Inshed feeding to be dropped by 1 kg DM/cow as residuals not being met on the current rotation Total feed allocation of 18.5 kg DM/cow/day Targeting a 35 day rotation length Average pasture cover now 175 kg DM/ha above autumn feed budget target Latest crop yields have paddocks ranging between 9.8 and 13.9 T DM/ha with leaf DM of 9-13% and bulb DM 10%. Growth rates ranged between 60-180 kg DM/ha/day since the first yield in mid March Future herd Bales have started being laid out in the winter grass paddocks Inshed feed to be dropped to 1 kg DM/cow/day as residuals are not being achieved Total feed allocation of 18.5 kg DM/cow/day Maintain the 35 day rotation length Average pasture cover now 200 kg DM/ha above autumn feed budget target							